

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 526

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A RESOLUTION to designate July 8-14, 2012, as "Sons of Confederate Veterans Week" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the War Between the States, fought from 1861 until 1865, is forever woven into the history of the great state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, over 187,000 Tennesseans served in the Confederate armed forces; and

WHEREAS, more than 2,900 battles were fought on Tennessee's soil with 64,333 Confederates from across the South dying while fighting in those battles; and

WHEREAS, those gallant Confederate soldiers came home to rebuild the great state of Tennessee and, as veterans of the Confederate military, many joined the United Confederate Veterans and, in 1896, formed the Sons of Confederate Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Sons of Confederate Veterans International headquarters, Elm Springs, is located in Columbia, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the United Confederate Veterans held their first National Reunion at Chattanooga, Tennessee in 1890 and held joint National Reunions with the Sons of Confederate Veterans in Nashville, 1897; Memphis, 1901; Nashville, 1904; Memphis 1909; Chattanooga, 1913; Chattanooga, 1921; Memphis, 1924; Chattanooga, 1934; Chattanooga, 1942; Chattanooga, 1947; and the Sons of Confederate Veterans held National Reunions in Memphis, 1959; Nashville, 1968; Memphis, 1976; Nashville, 1986; Chattanooga, 1995; Nashville, 1997; Memphis, 2002; and Nashville, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, has been designated as the 2012 reunion site during the week of July 8-14, 2012; and

WHEREAS, during the Sesquicentennial of the War Between the States, we will remember the courage and sacrifices of these soldiers and celebrate the battle of Stones River that occurred in 1862; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby join with citizens from across this State in recognizing July 8-14, 2012, as "Sons of Confederate Veterans Week" in Tennessee and call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.